SIMHA RAO) : (a) On the 10th August, 1988, the US. Administration notified the Congress of its intention to supply forty 155mm Howitzer guns, along with spare parts, to Pakistan at a cost of $40 million.

(b) On several occasions Government have conveyed to the U.S. Government Indias' serious concern at the supply of sophisticated U.S. arms to Pakistan.

Elections to provincial council in Sri Lanka

*449. SHRI T.R. BALU :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of provincial council elections that were held in Sri Lanka under Indo-Shri Lanka agreement:

(b) what are the specific reasons for not conducting provincial council elections in North and Eastern provinces:

(c) by when these elections are expected to be held: and

(d) what steps are going to be taken by Government to persuade Sri Lanka to conduct these elections immediately under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Election to seven Provincial Councils have been held in Sri Lanka.

(b) Elections to the North-Eastern Province have been delayed because of the continued violence indulged in by the LTTE.

(c) and (d) We are in touch with the Sri Lankan Government about these elections.

Rajasthan's request for share in Ganga and Yamuna Waters

*450. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government has requested for share in Ganga Waters;

(b) if so, what is the extent thereof;

(c) what action has been taken on their request;

(d) whether repeated requests have also been made by Rajasthan Government for share in Yumuna waters; and,

(e) if so, the details thereof with reaction of the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Government of Rajasthan have made a proposal for divesion of surplus flood waters of the Ganga near Hardwar or Narora for utilisation in Rajasthan.

(c) No agreement could be reached at the technical level among the co-basin States on the quantum of available surplus flood waters. The Ganga Flood Contorl Board decided in January, 1988 to have this studied by the Central Water Commission.

(d) and (e) Rajasthan has claimed share in the Yamuna waters by virtue of being a co-basin State. It is the Central's policy to use its good offices to propmote amicable settlement among the co-basin States.